

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 12 and 33, the drawings, and the specification are amended for clarity. No new matter is added.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Deane in the December 1, 2008 telephone interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action objects to the specification for informalities. In particular, the Office Action alleges that paragraphs [0005], [0008], [0010], [0012], [0014], [0046], [0054], [0066] and [0086] are vague. The objection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the telephone interview, Applicant has amended the specification to correct informalities. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the drawings for informalities. In particular, the Office Action alleges that the drawings fail to show all of the claimed features. The objection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the telephone interview, Applicant has amended Figure 1 of the drawings and claims 1, 12 and 33 to correct to informalities. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the recited features of the claims are shown in the drawings. For example, the claimed telephone connection unit, another party's terminal, detection unit and disconnection notification unit, are depicted in the drawings, at least in Figure 1, as reference numerals "11," "400," "11," and "12a," respectively. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-34 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In particular, the Office Action alleges that claims 1-34 fail to comply with the written description requirement because the features of claims 1-34 are not discussed in the specification. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the telephone interview, Applicant has amended claims 1, 12 and 33 to correct informalities. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that all features of claims 1-34 are discussed in detail throughout the specification such that one having ordinary skill in the art would have been enabled to practice the claimed subject matter based on the disclosure of the specification without undue experimentation. For example, the claimed detection unit and disconnection notification unit correspond to the control unit 11 and message producing unit 12a, respectively, which are discussed in detail throughout the specification, for example, in paragraph [0095]. Therefore, claims 1-34 comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

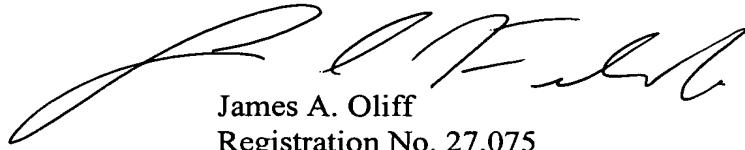
The Office Action rejects claims 1-34 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In particular, the Office Action alleges that features of claims 1-34 are not described in the specification. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the telephone interview, Applicant has amended claims 1, 12 and 33 to correct informalities. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that all features of claims 1-34 are discussed in detail in the specification such that when claims 1-34 are read in light of the specification, one having ordinary skill in the art would find the terms and scope of claims 1-34 clear and definite. Therefore, claims 1-34 comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time
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